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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/666,077

Examiner

SHEWAYE GELAGAY

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/11/09.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5,6,12 and 16-23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to Applicant's amendment filed on March 11, 2009. Claims 1, 3, 12, 14-15 and 17 have been amended. New claims 21-23 have been added.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gordon R. Lindeen III (Reg. No. 33,192) on 6/3/09.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-4, 7-11 and 13-15.

Please make the following changes in the claims:

Claim 1:

A prioritized address decoder comprising:

a first comparator associated with a trusted first destination device to compare a received destination device address for of data with a first address range associated with the trusted first destination device, the first comparator sending the data to the first device if the destination device address is within the first address range; and

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a second comparator associated with a non-trusted second destination device and coupled to the first comparator to compare the destination device address with a second address range associated with the non-trusted a second device, wherein the second comparator sends the data is-sent to the second device only if the second comparator receives in response to a first output of the first comparator, the first output indicating that the destination device address does not correspond to the first address range, wherein the first comparator disables the second comparator when the destination device address is within the first address range;

a third comparator coupled to the first and the second comparators to compare the destination device address with a third address range associated with a third device, wherein the data is sent to the third device only if the third comparator receives a third output of the third comparator, the third output indicating that the destination device address does not correspond to the second address range, wherein in the third comparator is disabled when the address is within either the first address range or the second address range.

Claim 5:

The prioritized address decoder of claim 1, wherein if the first address range is associated with a first device of a computer system, then secured data in the computer system is authorized to be sent to the first device.

Claim 6:

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The prioritized address decoder of claim 1, wherein if the second address range is associated with a second device of a computer system, then the secured data is not authorized to be sent to the second device.

Claim 12:

A computer system comprising:

a dynamic random access memory (DRAM);

a memory controller coupled to the DRAM, the memory controller comprising a prioritized address decoder, the prioritized decoder including

a first comparator associated with a trusted first destination device to compare a received destination device address for of data with a first address range associated with the trusted first destination device, the first comparator sending the data to the first device if the destination device address is within the first address range; and

a second comparator associated with a non-trusted second destination device and coupled to the first comparator to compare the destination device address with a second address range associated with the non-trusted a second device, wherein the second comparator sends the data is-sent to the second device only if the second comparator receives in response to a first output of the first comparator, the first output indicating that the destination device address does not correspond to the first address range, wherein the first comparator disables the second comparator when the destination device address is within the first address range;

a third comparator coupled to the first and the second comparators to compare the destination device address with a third address range associated with a third device,

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wherein the data is sent to the third device only if the third comparator receives a third output of the third comparator, the third output indicating that the destination device address does not correspond to the second address range, wherein in the third comparator is disabled when the address is within either the first address range or the second address range.

Claim 16:

The computer system of ~~claim 16~~ claim 12, further comprising a processor coupled to the memory controller, wherein the trusted agent is the processor.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1, 5-6, 12 and 16-23 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art on record either taken singularly or in combination fails to teach: ***“a first comparator associated with a trusted first destination device to compare a received destination device address for of data with a first address range associated with the trusted first destination device; a second comparator associated with a non-trusted second destination device and coupled to the first comparator to compare the destination device address with a second address range associated with the non-trusted a second device, wherein the first comparator disables the second comparator when the destination device address is within the first address range; a third comparator coupled to the first and the second comparators to compare the destination device address with a third***



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***address range associated with a third device, wherein in the third comparator is disabled when the address is within either the first address range or the second address range***” including all the other limitations recited in claim 1.

4. Independent claim 12 has similar limitation as claim 1, therefore is also allowed for the same reason set forth above.

5. Dependent claims 5-6 and 16-23 are also allowed.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on 571-272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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